provided in the 1987-88 budget; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER of STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The Central Budget for 1987-88 has given reliefs through direct reduction in duty rates or through extension of MODVAT on a number of items of common consumption. The Government has impressed upon the manufacturers to pass on the benefits of tax concessions to the consumers. The Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies convened a meeting of representatives of trade and industry on 4-4-1987 to review the progress made in this regard. The representatives of trade and industry in the meeting agreed to take steps to reduce prices and also to publicise such reductions. It may, however, be borne in mind that the market prices are determined by a multiplicity of factors acting on supply and demand and not only on the changes in the rates of duty.

Clearance of Serials by Doordarshan

223. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of serials awaiting release by the Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government propose to restrict the number of episodes uniformally for every serial and also obtain the script of all the episodes before the clearance of the serial; and

(c) what is the number of episodes initially cleared for Buniyad and when is the serial stated to conclude?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The exact number of serials awaiting release cannot be arrived at as this depends upon the approval of pilots which are being submitted from time to time.

(b) The Government has formed guidelines for sponsored programmes on Doordarshan with effect from July 18, 1986. According to the guidelines, ordinarily, the number of episodes to be approved for telecast for different categories of serials is as follows:—

(a) Soap Opera	.. 52
(b) Serials based on long novels	.. 26
(c) Other serials	.. 13
(d) Mini-serials	.. less than 13

Doordarshan, however, has the right to determine the number of episodes of a particular programme before communicating initial approval. Before giving concept approval to a sponsored serial, Dordarshan obtains the break-up of the story in episodes and broad line of treatment, complete synopsis of each episode and detailed scenario script of atleast one episode. Before the programme is telecast, Doordarshan obtains atleast 4 episodes in advance at a time and previews them.

(c) The serial 'Buniyaad' was initially cleared for 104 episodes. The serial is expected to conclude on 26-5-87.

Credit deposit ratio of banks in Gujarat

224. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the credit deposit ratio of the Commercial banks in Gujarat is lower than the all India CDR;

(b) what is the CDR of the Commercial Banks, statewise, and what steps are being proposed to improve CDR in the states where it is lower than the all India ratio; and

(c) whether the Reserve Bank of India is considering a proposal to set up a task force to examine this issue and if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) According to Reserve Bank of India's provisional data credit: deposit ratio in respect of all Scheduled Commercial Banks in Gujarat State is lower at 55.2 per cent as compared to all-India credit: deposit ratio of 63.6 per cent. State-wise credit: deposit ratio of all Scheduled Commercial Banks on the basis of provisional data for September 1986 is set out in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

State Level Bankers Committees have been set up in each State to monitor credit deployed by various banks in the State and to take measures as may be necessary for improving the same.

.. .. **Statement**

Credit: Deposit Ratio of all Scheduled Commercial Banks as on 30-9-1986

Name of the State/Region/Union Territory	Credit: Deposit Ratio (per cent)
1. Haryana	62.4
2. Himachal Pradesh	48.6
3. Jammu & Kashmir	41.5
4. Punjab	44.0
5. Rajasthan	63.5
6. Chandigarh	177.9
7. Delhi	49.6
8. Assam	53.2
9. Manipur	65.7
10. Meghalaya	26.8
11. Nagaland	38.6
12. Sikkim	28.4
13. Tripura	64.6
14. Arunachal Pradesh	22.8
15. Mizoram	28.3
16. Bihar	38.8
17. Orissa	90.6
18. West Bengal	49.6
19. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	38.8
20. Madhya Pradesh	58.3
21. Uttar Pradesh	43.1
22. Gujarat	55.2
23. Maharashtra	84.3
24. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	68.2
25. Goa, Daman & Diu	31.3
26. Andhra Pradesh	78.8
27. Karnataka	86.3
28. Kerala	61.6
29. Tamil Nadu	95.2
30. Lakshadweep	26.6
31. Pondicherry	47.5

Note: Data are provisional.

Opening of Rural Branches by Banks

225. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has declared branch expansion programme for 1985—90 for opening of rural branches of banks;

(b) if so, what is the number of new rural branches that have been sanctioned in the country and out of these how many branches are to be opened in Gujarat;

(c) whether the rural branches will be opened only by the regional rural banks or by commercial banks also; and

(d) whether a representation has been made by the officers and employees of Gramin Banks with regard to their service conditions and reappraisal of the policy of opening new branches in rural areas and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Reserve Bank of